

**From:** [Moore, Gary](#)  
**To:** ["Terry Andrews"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CES - FW: Inquiry Regarding Chemical Plant on Griggs Road  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 11:10:00 AM

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Terry:

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**Gary Moore**

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**From:** Terry Andrews [mailto:terry.andrews@tceq.texas.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:07 PM  
**To:** Moore, Gary  
**Subject:** FW: CES - FW: Inquiry Regarding Chemical Plant on Griggs Road

Hi Gary,

I'm not sure if you had seen this. I can't get the gif file to open.

Thanks,

Terry

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**From:** Monica Harris  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 6:17 PM  
**To:** Omar Valdez; Sharon Barker; Terry Andrews; Patricia Scott; Charmaine Backens  
**Subject:** Fwd: CES - FW: Inquiry Regarding Chemical Plant on Griggs Road  
FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Abigail Ryan <[Abigail.Ryan@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:Abigail.Ryan@tceq.texas.gov)>  
**Date:** July 24, 2014 at 4:13:15 PM CDT  
**To:** Monica Harris <[monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov)>, Caroline Sweeney <[caroline.sweeney@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:caroline.sweeney@tceq.texas.gov)>, Margaret Ligarde <[margaret.ligarde@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:margaret.ligarde@tceq.texas.gov)>  
**Cc:** Nicole Bealle <[nicole.bealle@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:nicole.bealle@tceq.texas.gov)>  
**Subject:** CES - FW: Inquiry Regarding Chemical Plant on Griggs Road



Good afternoon, Caroline, Monica, and Margie:

Below is an email I received from Nicole in Houston. Evidently, there is a citizen who is very concerned about the measures being taken to clean up the CES site. This citizen,

(b) (6) has contacted City Councilman Boykins's Office regarding this matter.

The email to the Councilman's office is below, too. Now, (b) (6) is contacting Daisy James, an environmental investigator at the Houston DHHS. DHHS is contacting us.

After talking to Nicole, I called the Trustee and told him that a citizen was asking

questions about the site. At this time it seems logical to me that the Trustee field this type of inquiry, as the Trustee is the one doing all the remediation at this time. The Trustee directed me to direct the citizen to call Mickey Edmonson (the Trustee's environmental consultant) or to call his office. I have given Nicole those contact names and numbers; however, I did want to bring this to y'all's attention, as TCEQ and EPA WILL get involved with this site once the Trustee has depleted his funds.

Please let me know if you need more information on this case, and how you would like to proceed with this citizen request for information.

Have a good afternoon,

Abby Ryan

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**From:** Nicole Bealle

**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 3:52 PM

**To:** Abigail Ryan

**Subject:** RE: Inquiry Regarding Chemical Plant on Griggs Road

This is the inquiry.

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**From:** James, Daisy - HHS [<mailto:Daisy.James@houstontx.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 3:20 PM

**To:** Jennifer Sapp

**Cc:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** FW: Inquiry Regarding Chemical Plant on Griggs Road

Hello Jennifer:

Per our conversation, the email thread below was initiated by (b) (6)

(b) (6) a citizen lives near the former site of CES Environmental and would like to know more about what is being done to resolve waste storage. It is my understanding that TCEQ is handling this case and I am deferring (b) (6) questions to you. Please include me in your correspondence to (b) (6) and thank you for your assistance.

Daisy James, Environmental Investigator V

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:**

**To:** James, Daisy - HHS

**Subject:** Re: Inquiry Regarding Chemical Plant on Griggs Road

Dear Ms. James,

In all due respect, I have been living at this residence for 2 years.

Although the odors emanating from the plant are less than they were for the majority of my time here, they are still definitely present at times, in as strong a manner as they were before. This should tell anyone that the cleanup efforts have not been completed. Otherwise, why would there be any odor at all? There is also a gate down at the facility again, allowing

access by neighborhood children who might want investigate or play on the abandoned, dangerous grounds.

I understand that no one wants to accept the responsibility or expense of doing a complete abatement of the plant, however the lives and health of people in this neighborhood have been at risk for many years due to the runoff, fumes, and unstable chemical environment that the abandonment has created. I shudder to think how this facility has affected the groundwater.

I understand the practice of allowing hazardous industries in economically disadvantaged areas. It happens all the time. I do believe that it is ultimately the city's responsibility to protect its citizens against such practices. This would never be tolerated in River Oaks.

Now what?

*Regards,*

(b) (6)

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**From:** James, Daisy - HHS

**Sent:** Friday, July 11, 2014 12:32 PM

**To:** (b) (6)

**Cc:** Blanco, Arturo - HHS; Tate, Darryl - HHS; Lee, Patrick - HHS; Cargas, James P. - LGL; Richner, Donald - HHS

**Subject:** Inquiry Regarding Chemical Plant on Griggs Road

Good Afternoon (b) (6)

Thank you for your recent comments to Councilmember Boykins expressing concern about strong odors, depending on wind direction, and observations of water pooling in the parking lot on the interior of the property located at 4904 Griggs Road. In response to your observations, Houston Department of Health and Human Services' Bureau of Pollution Control and Prevention (BPCP) Environmental Investigators conducted surveillance investigations in the area of 4904 Griggs Road. Investigators smelled odors at the fence line on the north side of the property. However, the odors detected were not strong enough to be considered a nuisance and no odors were detected in the residential areas.

Surveillance investigations are ongoing. While BPCP continues to monitor and investigate citizen complaints of nuisance odors in your area, we encourage you to contact us when nuisance odors are present and detected on your property or in your neighborhood. Please contact me or call 3-1-1 if you would like to file a complaint. Also, feel free to contact me at the email or telephone numbers below if you have questions regarding previous complaints investigations or can provide additional information.

We appreciate your role as an environmental steward and we look forward to working with you to resolve environmental concerns in your community.

Thank you,

Daisy D. James, Environmental Investigator V

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 12:36 PM

**To:** CNL District D

**Subject:** Re: Council Service Funds Will Address Community Needs

Dear Councilman Boykins:

I would like to receive a status report regarding the toxic chemical plant on Griggs Rd. that I contacted your office about some weeks ago. The smell is still quite strong, depending on wind direction, and from the information I have gathered, the facility will simply sit in limbo, in bankruptcy, with no further clean-up, until it is sold. I have noticed that there is still standing water in the parking lot on the interior of the facility. My husband questioned a person working there in the recent past about what was happening at the site. His answer was "nothing really."

The clean-up efforts look shoddy at best, and I do not believe that the residents are free from toxic air and ground water.

I would like to know if the EPA is involved in this situation, or if it is simply a city issue that has had a bandaid applied to it in hopes that it will simply fade away. As one who continues to encounter the fumes from the facility, across the street from me, I am acutely aware that it has not been resolved as it should be.

Regards,

(b) (6)